

## OREGON SCHOOL NOTES

### County Supervision A Success

#### The Washington-Lincoln Program Eighth Grade Oratory

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Recently we spent a part of two Saturdays and of two evenings in the office of County Superintendent, Geo. W. Reavis, talking school, asking questions and studying records. A more complete, systematic and better arranged set of records we have never examined. The data are classified under several general heads:—The district, the funds, equipment, teacher, pupil, patrons, visitation. Concerning the district, may be found the number, name, members of board, length of term and so on; funds—levy, receipts, expenditures, special funds, as receipts from box suppers, plays, etc.; adequacy of the funds; equipment—building, condition of, heating, ventilation, cleanliness, condition of the grounds and outbuildings, water supply, sanitation, decoration, library, number and nature of books, improvements needed and made, all are noted, put into form and a copy sent to the district clerk. The name, experience, grade certificate, salary and success of the teacher are recorded; number of pupils, graduation, classes, deportment, attendance and scholarship, (written on a semi-annual report from the teacher) and number in the eighth grade, or graduating class. Patrons—visits by, school spirit, suggestions made by them for improving their school; visitation—date made, observation, recommendations left, needs of school.

All of the above are complete for each district in the county, and these data have not been a matter of heretofore and correspondence alone; the county superintendent has already visited very one of the 75 schools at least once and many of them two and three times, making a total of 140 visits to date. It was a real inspiration to study this data and to hear this enthusiastic leader tell of the work being done in our Holt county schools.

Among the special features Mr. Reavis has been emphasizing, we have space to mention but two or three. First, clean, neat, cheerful schoolrooms, and as a result the clean-up and house improvement spirit is spreading; 27 of the 75 schools have already made improvements, such as papering, painting, decorating and repairing the school house and rooms.

Second, sanitary conditions, well kept buildings, plenty of pure drinking water, individual drinking cups, respectable out buildings, wells kept cleaned out. Third, Agriculture, bulletins of the state department and other bulletins, with the agricultural year book, have been placed in the hands of every teacher in the county, and great interest is now being manifested in this important subject.

Fourth, county graduation, 100 graduates for the class of 1910.

Fifth, increased attendance. Already more than 1200 pupils have earned one or more perfect monthly attendance slips. Pupils are requested to write a neat letter to the superintendent when sending him their attendance slips and he has received over 1000 letters.

Superintendent Reavis came to the office with but one ambition—to merit the confidence and win the co-operation of school officers, superintendents, teachers, patrons, pupils and other friends of education, and, working with these, to make the Holt county schools the best in the state. He brought to the work large experience both as teacher and as county commissioner under the old law; to this must be added an open mind, conscientious performance of duty, a tireless energy and above all a high ideal and a consecrated purpose. The results already attained, as outlined above, warrant the statement that the county superintendent of Holt county has made good. The people believe in Mr. Reavis, in the man, in his ideals, in his methods. Holt county is forging to the front educationally and her schools are truly prosperous and progressive.

We spent a very pleasant hour with the eighth grade pupils last week, hearing them present Lincoln's Gettysburg address. This brief oration has become a national classic and every pupil in the American schools should commit and present that address before graduating from the grades, not alone for the training in expression, but for the tender, lofty, patriotic sentiment which it contains. We were much pleased with the interest, preparation and oratorical ability shown by the pupils. Ten, or more than half of the class, made a grade of 90 per cent or above on delivery. These presented the address in the Lincoln program last Friday afternoon; Rev. and Mrs. Jas. A. Walton were the judges, and Ruth Taylor won first place.

The regular High School literary society program will begin at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Friday, the 18th, and

will be a Washington-Lincoln memorial number. The public is cordially invited to be present. Program will be as follows:

Song—All Hail the Flag—No. 52.  
Recitation..... Nell Ramsey  
Lincoln's Favorite Poem  
Oration..... Harry Petree  
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address  
Washington-Lincoln Stories.....  
Beulah Fuhrman  
Reed Bailey  
George Coe

Sayings of Lincoln..... Thomas Taylor  
Cornet Duet..... Jas. & Avon Murray  
"The Palms"

Oration..... Dale Kunkel  
Extracts from Washington's Farewell Address

Recitation..... Grace Bailey  
"Washington's Kiss"

Tribute to Washington..... Rev. Taylor  
Washington-Lincoln Stories.....  
Anne Kinzie, Jettie Engle  
Hanson Murray, Carl Greene

Quartet..... "Boys of the Old Brigade"  
Asby Greene, James Murray  
Gerald King, Roy Bartram

Tribute to Lincoln..... Rev. Walton  
Washington-Lincoln Stories.....  
Leota Kennedy, Burns Greene  
Ray Lukens, Ruby Kunkel

Instrumental Solo..... Gladys Raiser  
"A Dream of Paradise"

Debate..... Carl Wachtel, Gerald King  
Resolved that "Washington rendered greater service to his country than Lincoln"

Song..... America  
She is a wise teacher who can use praise judiciously, but a very unwise one who never uses any. A word of commendation fitly spoken to the deserving pupil has inspired many a struggling student to greater effort, and brought new courage to many a discouraged school boy or girl.

In behalf of the Woodward & Tiernan [Printing Co., of St. Louis, the superintendent, on Tuesday morning, presented to the High school a very beautiful and practical greeting from this firm. The design is a calendar, 27x40 inches. The decoration being a reproduction in colors of the famous painting by E. Percy Moran, entitled, "A New Year's Reception During Washington's First Administration, in 1790." An interesting description and history of the painting accompanied the calendar. The calendar proper, is 14x20 inches, in steel gray, and the figures are easily read from any part of the assembly hall. The whole was designed and executed by the firm and is a worthy representative of the work done by the Woodward & Tiernan people. This firm publishes the new "Webb & Ware" drawing series, which are proving very satisfactory and are used not only in the Oregon schools, but exclusively in the rural schools of Holt county.

Next Tuesday, February 22d, will call forth an ever increasing tribute of praise to the character and services of George Washington. While his name lives and his principles and deeds are cherished in the hearts of his countrymen, patriotism will not perish from the American continent, nor love for the country which he did so much to win and establish, grow cold!

It is not strange that Washington was "first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." He possessed every attribute of exalted character and lived a life of usefulness, not only to his own generation and day, but to mankind everywhere. Unlike Lincoln, Washington had every opportunity and his greatness lies in his marvelous improvement of them. The wealth and culture of his surroundings were, to his fair and lofty soul, the stepping stones to the largest service. His was a truly noble character, unstained by selfishness and irreverence. He worshipped God, revered truth and loved justice. It was this last virtue that so strongly moved him to join with the American colonies against the mother country. He was eminently fitted in character, education and experience to be the Father of this great nation. Springing from and belonging to the aristocracy, he espoused the cause of a poor and rebellious people; though he was wealthy, he denied himself that we might be rich; though of the nobility, he became despised that we might be honored.

#### Pay Your Dog Tax.

All owners of dogs within the corporate limits of Oregon, are hereby notified, that unless the dog tax for 1910, is paid within the next seven days, and the tag upon the collar of the dog, the same will be killed on sight. The tag in the pocket of the owner will not suffice; it must be on the collar of the dog. Tags will be furnished free of charge by the city on payment of the tax.

OLLIE COLE,  
City Marshal.

—The mercury took a decided leader in this locality Friday night of last week, 11th inst., and many persons were surprised when they arose Saturday morning, 12th inst., to find the mercury at zero. Monday, 14th, Valentine's day, the robins came again, and on Wednesday morning, 16th inst., the needle took another tumble and went to 1 above.

## Rural School Notes.

BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, GEO. W. REAVIS.

Miss Elizabeth Johnston was compelled to resign her position as principal of the Matland High school on account of illness. Frank Hull, of Skidmore, takes her place, and as Mr. Hull is a graduate of William Jewell College, he will no doubt keep his department up to the present high standard.

King Grove and Harmony have each added some excellent new books to the library. They are doing good work at each place.

Squaw Creek school room is very handsomely decorated with drawings and water colors which were done by the pupils. This is among the best schools in the county and the patrons are to be congratulated upon having such an excellent teacher as Miss Morford.

About 300 Certificates of Award have been sent out the past month, and the interest continues. Pupils, stay in school 'till the close and you will not regret it in after years.

The questions have been sent out for the third quarter, these should be given and grades sent to the parents. All parents should know just what kind of work is being done by their children. The final questions will be sent later and teachers should not give any previous information, but should deal absolutely honest with the pupil. All papers of eighth grade written in the final test should be sent to the county superintendent for grading.

Frank Smith, of Triumph, is doing some excellent work in Agriculture. He has one of the best schools.

Forest City teachers are expecting a very large attendance at the educational meeting next Saturday. This meeting should be attended by patrons as well as teachers. We can have an excellent meeting and one that will pay each parent to attend. Copies of the new school law will be there for distribution to teachers and clerks. Don't fail to hear J. C. Hisey, of Kansas City, on Agriculture, at Forest City, February 19.

The next regular teachers' examination will be held in Oregon on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. Subjects will be given as here-to-fore, and no subject will be given in any other half day than that listed. Examinations will begin at 8 a. m., and close at 6 p. m. Agriculture will be required of all new applicants. Candidates have two trials for one fee of \$3.00.

During his visits last week, the county superintendent found clean rooms, clean pupils and pleasant surroundings at Fairview, Triumph, Richland, Squaw Creek, Harmony, King Grove, Pine Hill and Schaffer. This fact deserves special mention because the health and morals should be looked after as well as the three R's. A vast improvement has been made in the rural schools throughout the county along all lines and especially by keeping clean rooms. Let the good work continue and next year we will conquer new fields.

Teacher, don't neglect to use the supplementary books in reading; do much oral reading of simple, easy stories and have them reproduced by the children.

The newspapers of the county have been very kind to us this year. Each teacher should be a regular subscriber to one or two of the county papers.

#### Be a Booster.

Do you know, there's lots of people. Sittin' 'round in every town, Growlin' like a broody chicken.

Knockin' every good thing down, Don't you be that kind o' cattle.

'Cause they ain't no use on earth; You just be a booster rooster—

Crow an' boost for all you're worth.

If your town needs boostin', boost'er; Don't hold back an' wait to see

If some other feller's willin'— Sail right in, this country's free.

No one's got a mortgage on it, It's just yours as much as his;

If your town is shy on boosters, You get in the boostin' biz.

If things don't just seem to suit you, And the world seems kinder wrong,

What's the matter with a boostin', Just to help the thing along?

'Cause if things should stop a goin', We'd be in a sorry plight—

You just keep that horn a blowin', Boost'er up with all your might.

If you see some feller tryin' For to make some project go,

You can boost it up a trifle; That's your cue to let him know

That you're not a goin' to knock it, Just because it ain't your "shout,"

But you're goin' to boost a little, 'Cause he's got "the best thing out."

If you know some feller's fallin', Just forget 'em, 'cause you know

That same feller's got some good points— Them's the ones you want to show.

"Cast your leaves out on the waters, They'll come back 's a sayin' true,

Mebbe they will come back "buttered," When some feller boosts for you.

—Joshua and Jacob Adolph, are prospecting down at Enid, Oklahoma.

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